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O. D. F. at Dinner the American House.

The two hundred and forty-second anniversary of the O. D. F. was celebrated at the American House on Tuesday night of the past week. The O. D. F. is a purely Brookdale institution, and is one of the oldest organizations in the United States. It antedates the Order of Cincinnati a long way over a century. Like that celebrated society its origin was of a military character. The first members of the O. D. F. were veterans who served under Peter Stuyvesant, the Dutch Governor of New Amsterdam, and who accompanied him on his celebrated expedition against Fort Christina. Not unlike the Order of Cincinnati, there is an exclusiveness connected with membership in the O. D. F. It is strictly confined to the F. D. U's of Brookdale.

True it is that members of the O. D. F. have not attained the renown that has been conferred on certain distinguished members of the Order of Cincinnati. That is mainly due to lack of opportunity and not of ability. Legendary history cites many valorous deeds performed in the early part of the seventeenth century by members of the O. D. F. At the period referred to the domain of Governor Stuyvesant was invaded by a migration of Dutch and Wards from Connecticut. The invaders forced their way past the Governor's pickets above Spuyten Duyck and spread themselves out on the plain of Watsessing. The daughters of Brookdale were then, as now, fair to look upon, and the sons of the invaders were not long in finding it out. While the feminine members of the households of the O. D. F. were not averse to the attentions of the foreigners, the youthful male members were filled with jealous rage, and adventurers who succeeded in marrying a flower of the O. D. F. won his prize at the risk of his life. So much for the origin and early history of the O. D. F.

The banquet at the American House on Tuesday night marks a new departure in the history of the society and evinces the fact that the urban influences that are slowly but steadily transforming this town from a village to a city are penetrating even the remote regions of Brookdale.

Hitherto the annual gathering of the O. D. F. have partaken of the nature of a dried apple dinner, a cider social, a pumpkin pie party or some one or other of the rustic raffles applied to rural feasts. The banquet on Tuesday night was of a dual character. In addition to being the annual gathering of the society, it also served to celebrate a victory recently gained over a gigantic cold water monopoly known as the East Jersey Water Co. by making this colossal temperance concern pay a round sum for the privilege of introducing pure water into Brookdale. Tradition has it that schnapps was the only liquid known to the first members of the O. D. F., and their descendants made a gallant fight against the efforts to break through the traditions of their forefathers.

Landlord Courter felt proud of the honor of entertaining such an ancient and distinguished society, and prepared a menu that would have tickled the palate of Ward MacAllister. Theophylus saw to it that the bottom of the punch bowl did not become visible during the evening. Speeches worthy of a Depeu were made. The only circumstance that tended to mar the festivities of the evening was the intrepid attempt of a member to sing "Sparkling and bright in its liquid light." He was promptly sat down upon.

Are You Going?

Twenty million visitors, at least, are expected at the Columbian Exposition; and whether you expect to be one of them or not, as an American, naturally you are interested in the preparations for the grand event. A splendid paper in DEMOCRAT'S FAMILY MAGAZINE for April, "The Evolution of a Great Exposition," is the best thing of the kind that has yet been published. From it you may learn all the interesting points about the coming World's Fair, and the illustrations are simply superb, including a comprehensive view and the plan of the grounds, pictures of all the magnificent buildings, and portraits of some of the leading officers having it in charge. "A Talk about Trees and Arbor Day" is a timely and deeply interesting paper, profusely illustrated with pictures of the favorite trees planted in different sections of the United States, so accurately delineated that each may be easily recognized when met with. German without a Master furnishes invaluable suggestions for the study of that useful language. "The International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons," a paper by the General Secretary of the Central Council, Mrs. Mary Lowe Dickinson, gives facts and incidents most charmingly interwoven; "A Snap Shot at Washington Etiquette" furnishes an insight of the rules that govern society at our national capital; "Easter Legends and Customs" is especially interesting; and "Easter Novelties" furnishes suggestions for all the Easter gifts one may want to make. Besides, there are splendid stories, every department is full of good things, and there are over 200 handsome illustrations; and every month's magazine is just as good, and the subscription price is only \$2 a year. Published by W. JENNINGS DEMOCRAT, 15 E. 14th St., New York City.

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AT THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian.

The Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D.D., pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Young People's meeting every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, and general prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Strangers always welcome.

Westminster Presbyterian.

The Rev. Geo. A. Paull, pastor. Services to-morrow at 10.30 and 7.30. All are cordially welcome. Sunday-school at 12 M. Young People's Prayer meeting at 6.45 P. M.

German Presbyterian.

Sunday services: Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Selbert, at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday at 8 P. M.

Park Methodist Episcopal.

Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. K. B. Collins. Sunday-school at noon. Epworth League Prayer Meeting at 6.45 P. M. Leader, Master Arthur Meeker. Children's Hour, Tuesday, at 3.30 P. M.

Watessing Methodist Episcopal.

Preaching to-morrow at 10.30 and 7.30 by the pastor, the Rev. Elbert Clement. Welcome to all. Seats free.

First Baptist.

The Rev. Chas. A. Cook, pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Subject in the morning, "Our Brother's Keeper." Evening, "A Fearful Thing." A meeting for Young Men only is held at 6.45 P. M. in the school-room.

Glen Ridge Congregational.

Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Subject of morning sermon, "What is Congregationalism?" Sunday-school at 3 o'clock. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock, opening with service of song.

Christ Episcopal.

The Rev. Edwin A. White, rector. Celebration of Holy Communion, 8 A. M. Morning Prayer, Litany and sermon, 10 A. M. Sunday-school, 3 P. M. Evening Prayer with sermon 7.30 P. M. Daily evening prayer with address on "The Creed," at 4.45 P. M. except on Wednesday. Evening prayer with confirmation service at 8 P. M.

The Rt. Revd. the Bishop of the Diocese will visit Christ Church Wednesday evening, March 23rd, to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation.

Glen Ridge Library Entertainment.

In view of the Glen Ridge Library Entertainment this evening, we are told on good authority that one of the ladies of the Clio Club (it will be remembered that the Clio has the entertainment in charge) was seen armed with some large sheets of card board and several packages of lead pencils, pacing the streets of New York in a diligent search for a devil. We are, therefore, awaiting "devil-up-ments." If the lady was not successful in her search, we should not be much surprised, considering the high moral atmosphere of New York.

Watessing Notes.

The Social Guild of the Watessing M. E. Church met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellor on Monday night, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

A repetition of the pleasant entertainment given by the members of the Watessing M. E. Sunday-school last week has been requested, and it has been decided to accede to the request. The affair will be repeated about May 1.

A business meeting of the members of the Watessing Field Club was held on Monday night. George H. Wilde was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees were authorized to purchase another billiard table. It was decided to enlarge the club-house, as the club is prospering beyond all expectation. The question of organizing a base-ball club will probably be discussed at the next meeting. The bicycle interest is another matter that will receive early attention, while the construction of a bowling alley will undoubtedly go over until next fall.

Oakland Notes.

A large chicken-house belonging to Arthur Smith on Montgomery Street burned to the ground last Sunday evening. Smith had two incubators with lamps underneath to hatch chickens. One of the lamps exploded and set fire to the building. About one hundred young chickens in the building were destroyed. Neighbors organized a bucket brigade to prevent the flames from spreading.

The gift fair for the benefit of the building fund of the Orchard Street Station, to be held next Wednesday, promises to be a great success. The committee of ladies soliciting gifts from business men of the town have been very successful. A large number of tickets have been sold. The parlors of Rudolph Brunet and Thomas Mitchell will be open to all who wish to enjoy games and dancing.

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